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## **My Ideal President**

Throughout this whole presidential election, I've been forced to listen to petty attacks by both parties. Sarah Palin thinks she's awesome, John McCain thinks he can win and Barack Obama thinks he can actually change things. Frankly, I don't want hope, I don't want courage, I don't want a maverick and I don't want a "common Joe". Let me tell you why. I think you'll be surprisingly with me on this one.

First of all, be aware that I'm not speaking about any particular political party here. I'm speaking strictly "across both aisles". So, let's get one thing straight: no one politician can go to Washington and "clean house". Those people are too entrenched in things the way it is. My ideal president would just be a smart guy with common sense.

I don't want my president to be religious. I don't want a Christian, Jew, Muslim or heck, even an Atheist. I don't care what he does on Sundays. He could be a Satanist for all I care – just so long as he keeps his mouth shut about and doesn't legislate his opinions.

I want my president to be super smart. I don't want an "Average Joe". Frankly, people like you and me aren't cut out to be president. I don't care what Sarah Palin says, not everyone is cut out for the job. I want my president to be super elite. There's a difference between elite and elitist.

I don't want my president to be a stereotype. George Bush has spent the last eight years running around in a cowboy hat and boots. No one bothered to tell him that cowboys don't really exist anymore. That means he's just been wearing a costume. I don't want my president to wear costumes.

The ideal president would also have figured out that fighting wars the traditional way with bullets and bombs is really childish. That's what twelve year-olds do to dolls. My president would know things like math and would figure out a plan to destroy nations economically. Case in point: China is never going to attack the U.S. because it would be like setting their own backyard on fire. In turn, we're never going to attack the Chinese.

My ultimate presidential candidate would have the ability to look at a problem and know when he's not informed enough to make a decision. At that point, he'd turn to his cabinet of economists, strategists, philosophers and other people to determine a course of action that lets everyone win. Why would everyone win, even if it were

foreign counties? Because this idea that America is somehow greater than every other nation on the planet is absurd. The people that say that probably haven't even been out of the U.S. Yes, we have many great things about our country, but guess what, so do the Canadians and the British. Let's recognize that we're all headed to a mass equalization and get our egos out of the way.

And speaking of egos, my president would never "think with his gut" or "pray that something comes true." The ideal president could live in the White House, but he can't have a salary. Everything practically comes free to the president anyway – no sense in paying him, too.

Admittedly, this is all just a pipe dream, but it's still an interesting thought experiment. There's no telling what the next president has in store for us, but I think we can all agree that sometimes what we really need is just someone smarter than us to handle things for us. It's unfortunate that our campaigns in this country tend to sway towards finding the lowest common denominator. Anyone that bought into the "he's a Muslim terrorist" and "He's another George Bush" arguments got duped. Granted, some things are more of a lie than others. I mean, look at Obama. You really think he's a Muslim terrorist? Just look at his wife – no Muslim man would ever let his wife go *sleeveless* for heaven's sake.

I think we can all agree that things likely aren't going to get any better in the future, either. Things may change a little bit, but I imagine political elections dating back to Washington, Adams and Jefferson probably had the same sort of pandering. I wouldn't be surprised to learn that George Washington – arguably our most ideal president – was accused of being elitist because he bathed everyday.